Journal of the House

Thursday, March 14, 2013

At one o'clock in the afternoon the Speaker called the House to order.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Peter Plagge of the Congretational Church, Waterbury, Vt.

House Bills Introduced

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first time and referred to committee or placed on the Calendar as follows:

H. 510

Rep. Brennan of Colchester, for the committee on Transportation, introduced a bill, entitled

An act relating to the State's transportation program and miscellaneous changes to the State's transportation laws

Which was read the first time, affecting the revenue of the state, under the rule, was referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

H. 511

Rep. Lippert of Hinesburg, for the committee on Judiciary, introduced a bill, entitled

An act relating to "zappers" and automated sales suppression devices

Which was read the first time and, under the rule, placed on the Calendar for notice tomorrow.

H. 512

By Reps. Poirier of Barre City and Taylor of Barre City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the City of Barre;

To the committee on Government Operations.

Bills Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

House bills of the following titles, appearing on the Calendar, affecting the revenue of the state, under the rule, were referred to the Committee on Ways and Means:

H. 297

House bill, entitled

An act relating to duties and functions of the Department of Public Service

H. 395

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the establishment of the Vermont Clean Energy Loan Fund

Committee Relieved of Consideration and Bill Placed on Calendar for Notice

H. 107

Rep. Ancel of Calais moved that the committee on Ways and Means be relieved of House bill entitled

An act relating to health insurance, Medicaid, and the Vermont Health Benefit Exchange

Which was agreed to. Thereupon, under the rule, the bill was placed on the Calendar for notice tomorrow.

Third Reading; Bill Passed

H. 182

House bill, entitled

An act relating to search and rescue

Was taken up, read the third time and passed.

Senate Proposal of Amendment Concurred in

H. 41

The Senate proposed to the House to amend House bill, entitled

An act relating to civil forfeiture of retirement payments to public officials convicted of certain crimes

<u>First</u>: In Sec. 1, 32 V.S.A. § 623, by inserting a new subsection (h) to read:

(h) If the Court determines that a member's retirement benefits should be forfeited to any degree, the maximum value of the benefits ordered forfeited shall not be greater than ten times the amount of monetary loss suffered by the State, a county, a municipality, or by any other person as a result of the crime related to public office.

And by relettering the existing subsection (h) and the remaining subsection to be alphabetically correct.

<u>Second</u>: In Sec. 1, 32 V.S.A. § 625, in subsection (b), in the second sentence, by inserting after "<u>any court of competent jurisdiction</u>" and before the comma, the following: <u>that relates to the crime related to public office of</u> which the member was convicted

Which proposal of amendment was considered and concurred in.

Joint Resolution Adopted in Concurrence

J.R.S. 17

Joint resolution, entitled

Joint resolution providing for a Joint Assembly to vote on the retention of seven Superior Judges and one Magistrate

Was taken up and adopted in concurrence.

Adjournment

At one o'clock and forty-five minutes in the afternoon, on motion of **Rep. Turner of Milton**, the House adjourned until tomorrow at nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon.